

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments the specification has been amended to positively recite that the present application is filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 and the Abstract has been amended. Application claims 3-6 have also been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and new dependent claims 7-16 have been added. Thus, claims 1-16 are in the application. It is requested that the filing fee be calculated after entry of the Preliminary Amendment to the claims. A substitute specification and a marked-up copy of the original specification showing the changes made therein is also enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith wherein the International Search Report and the documents cited therein in a related International Application are cited along with two documents referred to in the application specification. Consideration of the documents listed in the Information Disclosure Statement is requested.

An early action on the merits is requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 512.46311X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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